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half the poor suffering invalids that I heard of in London. This man having numerous applications for this plant actually sold the major part of it at 24s. per lb. and has refused to deliver me any of it, expecting (as no more can be procured until next year) to exact a still more extravagant price for it.

The seed of the stramonium is to be sown in the months of March and April, on light rich earth, exposed to the sun; it arrives at maturity in the latter end of August or beginning of September; and is called the THORN-APPLE. It grows spontaneously, is reckoned a common weed in many gardens, and has hitherto been universally thrown away. To prepare it for smoking it merely requires to be dried gradually, the mould brushed off, the roots cut into small pieces, and put into a common tobacco pipe; the smoke to be forced into the stomach by swallowing, without holding the nostrils or any other effort. I continue, by the blessing of providence, to experience its excellent effects, even in an encreased degree, so much so, that at this moment I am in the habit of riding backwards and forwards to a rural residence in Essex, a happiness which I had long ago lost sight of. I ought not to omit to state that the stalk proves equally efficacious with the root."

The stramonium, or thorn-apple, (*Datura*) generally grows on rubbish; it is about three feet high, the stem very much branched, and belongs to the class of *Pentandria-monogynia*.

For the Belfast Monthly Magazine.

CHARTER OF CARRICKFERGUS.

(Continued from page, 116, vol. V.)

AND moreover, we will, and by these presents for us, our heirs,

and successors, of our special grace, certain knowledge and meer meon, we give unto the said mayor, sheriffs, burgesses, and commonalty of the aforesaid town of Knockfergus, and to their successors, that they, and their successors, or the greater part of them, may have, make, and constitute from time to time, for ever, without any licence to be had or obtained from us, our heirs, or successors in that part, and behalf, at their own will and pleasure, within the same town one honest and discreet man, instructed in our laws, to be chosen and notiated in the form or manner hereafter expressed, which both shall be, and shall be called the recorder of the town of Carrickfergus, aforesaid, and we have therefore assigned, constituted, and made, and by these presents, for us, our heirs, and successors, do assign, notiate, and ordain, constitute, and make our well beloved Thomas Hibbotts, esq. who is sufficiently instructed in the laws now, and hereafter, to be recorder of the said town, to continue in the same office during his natural life, and we will, that both he, and every other the like recorder, so made and constituted, from time to time, be able and of power to exercise, and execute, within the said town or borough, and liberties of the same, all and every such thing, and things, as after any sort or manner, doth appertain or belong to the said office of recordership, to have, exercise, and occupy the said office of recorder, either by himself, or his sufficient deputy, or deputies, appointed or negotiated with the assent, or consent of the mayor of the said town, or the greater part of the aldermen of the said town for the time being until the end and term of his life, or years, or during the will of the said mayor, sheriffs, burgesses, and commonalty of the foresaid town,

or their successors, or the greater part of them, (of whom we will, that the mayor of the said town for the time being, shall be one,) as to them shall seem more expedient, And that the said Thomas Hibbotts, before he proceed to the execution of the said office of recorder, shall take his corporal oath, by the holy evangelists of God, before the mayor and aldermen of the said town, faithfully to execute the said office of recordership of the said town, in all things touching the said office, as also the oath commonly called the oath of supremacy; and that after the death or removing of the said Thomas Hibbotts, it shall and may be lawful for the said mayor, sheriffs, burgesses and commonalty of the said town of Knockfergus, for the time being, or for the greater number of them, (of which we will that the mayor of the said town shall be one,) at any convenient time to elect, negotiate, and make one honest and discreet man well instructed in our laws, from time to time, and as often as it shall seem to them necessary, in the recordership of the same town, and that every such person or persons, from time to time, in the office of recordership of the said town, thus to be elected and negotiated, as aforesaid, and taking as well the oath of recordership of the said town, as also the oath commonly called the oath of supremacy, as aforesaid, from time to time, and every of them may, and shall be able, and of power to have, exercise, and enjoy, either by themselves, or by their sufficient deputies in form, aforesaid, nominated and appointed to have, occupy, and keep the said office until the end of their lives, or years, or during the will and pleasure of the said mayor, sheriffs, burgesses, and commonalty of the town or their successors, or the greater part of

them, of whom we will that the mayor of the same town, for the time being, shall be one.

Moreover we will, and by these presents, for us, our heirs, and successors, we grant unto the said mayor, sheriffs, burgesses, and commonalty of the aforesaid town, and to their successors, that they, and their successors, or the greater part of them, (of whom we will that the mayor of the same town for the time being, shall be one,) from time to time, and as often as need shall require, that they may be able, and of power to make and appoint one honest and discreet man to be clerk of the Tholsell, called in English the town-clerk of the same town, to exercise all and every such things as to the said office of clerk doth belong or appertain, in as ample manner as any other clerk of the Tholsell in any city or town within our said realm of Ireland, doth or may execute, and that every such clerk so constituted, or to be constituted, shall take his corporal oath in that case, well and faithfully to execute the said office of town-clerk, as also the oath called the oath of supremacy before the mayor of the town of Carrickfergus, aforesaid, for the time being, and that from henceforward he may have and exercise the said office at the will and pleasure of the aforesaid mayor, sheriffs, burgesses, and commonalty of the said town, or the greater part of them (of which we will that the mayor for the time being, to be one). And furthermore of the like special grace, certain knowledge, and mere motion, we grant unto the said mayor, sheriffs, burgesses, and commonalty of the town of Knockfergus, aforesaid, and to their successors, that the sheriffs, burgesses, and commonalty of the aforesaid town for the time being, or the greater part of them, for whom

we will that the mayor of said town for the time being, shall be one,) from time to time, for ever, hereafter may have power yearly, upon every monday next following the feast of the nativity of St. John the Baptist, without any licence had or obtained from us, our heirs or successors, in that behalf to elect, nominate, two of the most honest free burgesses of the foresaid town, to be sheriffs for the same town and county of the town of Knockfergus aforesaid, for one whole year from the feast of St. Michael the archangel inclusively.

And that such persons thus elected and nominated before they or either of them be admitted to execute these offices of sheriffs, shall take their corporal oaths upon the feast day of St. Michael, archangel, next following the said nomination or election, before the mayor and burgesses of the said town of Knockfergus aforesaid, for the time being, which then shall be present in the Tholsel or town-court of the same town, or in any other convenient place within the said town, and not elsewhere, rightly well and truly to execute the said office of sheriffs of the town and county of Knockfergus aforesaid, in all things touching the said offices, as also the foresaid commonalty, called the oath of supremacy; and that they, and every of them, after the taking of the aforesaid oaths, may be able and of power to execute the said office of sherifalty of the said town and county of Knockfergus, for one whole year from the feast of St. Michael, the archangel next following, and from thence until others be elected, and sworn to execute and exercise the said office. And that such sheriffs of the county of the town of Knockfergus aforesaid, and their successors which shall be from time to time, may hold and be a-

ble and of power to hold their common courts within the county of the town of Knockfergus, or within the franchises, metts. limits, and bounds of the same town of Knockfergus, from month to month for ever, and that they have, enjoy, and exercise all and all manner such of the like powers, jurisdictions, authorities, liberties, and all things else whatsoever, belonging to the said office of sherifalty within the county of the town of Knockfergus aforesaid, and the precincts aforesaid, of the same as any other the sheriff or the sheriffs of our heirs and successors in any other county within our realm of Ireland, within our bailiwicks mayor ought to have, enjoy, and exercise; and that we, our heirs, and successors, for ever hereafter direct and send to be put in execution unto the sheriffs of the county of the town of Knockfergus aforesaid, for the time being, all and all manner of writs, bills, precepts, warrants, summons, attachments, distringuass's, executions, and commandments of ours, or of our heirs or successors, or any summons, attachments, or distringuass's of our exchequer, or the exchequer of our heirs, or successors, or of any other the courts or the courts of our heirs or successors, which shall grow or rise out of any cause, matter or thing, or for any causes matters, or things within the foresaid town, or within the county of the town of Knockfergus aforesaid, or within the franchises of the same, or of any of them, and that no other sheriffs of our realm of Ireland, nor the bailiffs or servants of any other sheriffs of our realm of Ireland, save only our sheriffs and the sheriffs of our heirs, and successors of the foresaid county of the town of Knockfergus aforesaid, and their bailiffs, ministers, and servants hereafter, any manner of

way go within the said town, borough, or county of the town of Knockfergus aforesaid, or within the metts. limits, bounds, permits, and franchises of the same or of any of them there to do, execute, and exercise any thing after any sort or manner, which to the office of a sheriff doth belong, or shall or may appertain.

Neither yet shall they or either of them, after any sort, be suffered to put him or themselves within the same, our sheriffs of our county of Antrim for the time being, to keep and hold his county courts, turnes, and other courts at our castle of Knockfergus aforesaid, and for the sending, imprisoning, and keeping of prisoners and malefactors in and to the jail to be built within the same town for the county of Antrim aforesaid, in all things touching the same offices as in above said only excepted, and that our sheriffs and the sheirffs of our heirs and successors of our county of the town of Knockfergus aforesaid for the time being, and from time to time for ever may have and constitute, or may be able, and of power to have and constitute such officers, ministers, and servants, as also to have, enjoy, and exercise such and the like privileges and immunities within the said town and county of the town of Knockfergus aforesaid, as any other our sheriffs or the sheriffs of our heirs and successors within our said realm of Ireland, have, or ought to have, within their bailiwicks in any county or counties, within our said realm of Ireland for ever. And furthermore of our abundant special grace, we have given and granted, and by these presents, for us, our heirs and successors, we give and grant to the said sheriffs, burgesses, and commonalty of the county of the town of Knockfergus, and to their suc-

cessors, or either of them that they and their successors for ever may have the full return of all and every our writs, warrants, attachments, mandates, and precepts of our heirs and successors, as also all manner of summons, attachments, and distringuasses of our exchequer, or the exchequer of our heirs and successors, and of all other escheats whatsoever, and of all precepts, mandates, warrants, summonses, attachments, and of all our order whatsoever, of the justices, commissioners, officers of us, and our heirs and successors whatsoever, and the execution of them within the town and the county of the town of Knockfergus aforesaid, or within the franchises and liberties of the same, or any of them as well to the suit of us, our heirs and successors by us, our heirs and successors alone, or by us, our heirs and successors jointly, with any other person or persons, as to the suit of any other person whatsoever, to be prosecuted or sent before us, our heirs and successors, or before any other justices or commissioners, or the justices or commissioners of our heirs and successors to be executed or returned, so that no other sheriffs, bailiffs, or ministers of ours, or of our heirs and successors, after any manner, may go, come into the said town, or county of the said town or franchises or liberties of the same, to return or execute any such like writs, warrants, attachments, mandates, precepts, summonses, and distringuasses, within the town and county of the foresaid town and county of the foresaid town with the franchises and liberties of the same, or within the permits thereof. And we further will, and by these presents, for us, our heirs and successors, grant that the mayor of Knockfergus aforesaid for the time being, and his successors, may

ors of the same town of Knockfergus aforesaid, for ever hereafter, shall be escheators, master of the sayes and clerks of our markets, for us, our heirs and successors; and that every of them for the time being shall be escheators, masters of the says, and clerks of the markets, for us, our heirs, and successors, in the borough of the town and county of the town of Knockfergus aforesaid, and in the franchises and liberties of the same; and that they may have, enjoy, use, and execute all and all manner of powers, authorities, jurisdictions, and pre-eminences within the said borough town and county of the town of Knockfergus aforesaid, and the franchises thereof, which to the several offices of escheator, master of the sayes, and clerk of the market, doth appertain or belong, or with any other escheator, master of the sayes, or clerk of the market, of ours, or of our heirs or successors, within our kingdom of Ireland, may, or ought to have, enjoy, use, or execute, by virtue of their said several offices in such sort, as no escheator, master of the says, clerk of the market, of ours, or our heirs or successors, be suffered to enter, or put themselves, or put himself, after any sort or manner, to execute their several offices, or any of them, in the said borough or town, or in the county of the town aforesaid, or in the franchises and liberties thereof, unless it be through the defect of the mayor or his successors in the premises, and we therefore will, and firmly command, and enjoin, that every such mayor of the said town of Knockfergus aforesaid, for the time being, immediately after he hath taken upon him the office of mayor of the town aforesaid, shall take and receive before the constable of our said castle of Knockfergus for the time being, or in his absence, before the deputy-con-

stable of our said castle of Knockfergus, in the presence of the last mayor of the same town which was for the last year then past, respectively and as aforesaid all such and the like several oaths of the several offices of escheator, master of the sayes, and clerk of the market of ours, or our heirs and successors, with any other our escheators, master of the sayes, and clerk of the market, of ours, or our heirs and successors, or any of them in any other place within our realm of Ireland, do take or receive, or ought to take or receive; and we further will, and by these presents of our special grace, certain knowledge, and mere motion, for us, our heirs and successors, do grant unto the said mayor, sheriffs, burgesses, and commonalty of the town of Carrickfergus aforesaid, and to their successors, that the said mayor of the aforesaid town of Knockfergus, and the sheriffs, burgesses, and commonalty of the foresaid town, and their successors, for the time being, or the greater part of them, (of whom we will that the mayor of the foresaid town for the time being, shall be one), yearly for ever hereafter upon the foresaid Monday next after the feast of the nativity of St. John the baptist, or upon any other day when it shall seem most expedient unto them, without our licence, or the licence of our heirs and successors may be able to elect and nominate two of the more honest inhabitants of the same town of Knockfergus aforesaid, for one whole year from the feast of St. Michael, the arch-angel, then next following, to exercise, do, and execute all things, which to the office of coroners in the said town and county of the foresaid town doth appertain to be done, and that the said coroners and every of them so elected and nominated, shall take their corporal oaths before

the mayor, sheriffs, burgesses, and commonalty of the foresaid town, or before the greater part of them, of whom we will that the mayor of the foresaid town for the time being, shall be one,) within the town, and county of the foresaid town, within the franchises and liberties of the same, and not elsewhere, respectively, well, and faithfully to execute, do, and exercise their said offices; and that after taking of the said oath, every such person which to the office of coroner, shall be elected and sworn as aforesaid, from time to time shall be coroners of the town and county of the town of Knockfergus aforesaid, and that no other coroner, or any other coroners of ours, our heirs or successors, shall after any manner or sort come in, or any of them may put themselves in to do any thing within the said town and county of the said town, which to the offices of coroners, doth now or hereafter shall belong, or appertain; and if it shall happen the said sheriffs of the county of the town of Knockfergus aforesaid, or the coroners of the county aforesaid, within one year after they are elected, made, and sworn to the offices of sheriffs and coroners of the town and county aforesaid, as aforesaid, or during the time they shall remain in the said offices, that they or any of them shall die, or for any good and sufficient cause, they shall be removed from their said offices of sheriffs and coroners of the town or county of the town aforesaid, from any one or either of them, which sheriffs, not bearing or carrying themselves well in the said offices, or any one of them for any good or sufficient cause, we will that they shall be removable by the mayor, burgesses, and commonalty of the town aforesaid, for the time being, or by the greater number of them (of whom we will

that the mayor of the same town for the time being, shall be one,) then, and so often any such occasion shall fall or happen, it shall, and may be lawful for the said mayor, sheriffs, burgesses, and commonalty of the town aforesaid, for the time being, or for the greater part of them, (of whom, &c.) without our licence, or the licence of our heirs and successors in that behalf had or obtained within 15 days next after any such sheriffs, or either of them or any such coroners, or either of them shall die, or be removed out of their offices aforesaid, in the tholsel and court-house of the said town of Knockfergus aforesaid, or in any other convenient place within the foresaid town, or within the county of the town of Knockfergus aforesaid, to assemble themselves, and to choose, and make one or more as the case shall require, of the free burgesses of the said town, in the place or places of the said sheriffs or coroners, or in the place of the said sheriffs and coroners so dying, or from his or their place or offices removed, and that every such person thus elected and made, or to be elected and made, (after that they have respectively taken and reserved the several oaths of their officers of sheriffs and coroners of the foresaid town and county of the town of Knockfergus, in manner and form aforesaid,) they, and every of them, may respectively have and exercise the said several offices of sheriffs and coroners within the said town, and county of the town of Knockfergus aforesaid, for the residue of the same year, and until any one or others of the said burgesses of the said town, to such offices of sheriffs and coroners of the said town and county of the same, shall be elected and sworn respectively as aforesaid.

And furthermore, we have grant-

ed, and by these presents, for us our heirs and successors, do grant unto the said mayor, sheriffs, burgesses, and commonalty of the said town of Knockfergus, and their successors, that the mayor of said town for the time being, and his successors for the time being, and deputies and substitutes of them for the time being, and the recorder of the same town for the time being, and his successors recorders of the same town for and during the several times wherein they shall be, and respectively continue in the foresaid offices, that presently after they shall take or receive respectively the foresaid oath, commonly called the oath of supremacy, as also their oaths respectively, well and truly for executing their said offices of mayor, and recorder of the said town in form aforesaid, in these presents above specified, that they are justices and keepers of the peace, and that every one of them, as a justice and keeper of our peace, and the peace of our heirs and successors within and through the foresaid town of Knockfergus, and through the whole county of the town of Knockfergus aforesaid, and through and within the franchises, limits, and liberties of the same town; and that they, and every of them, during the several times in which they shall respectively be, or remain in their several offices, shall have full power and authority there for keeping and conserving our peace, and the peace of our heirs and successors, as also for causing orders and statutes made, or to be made, for the good of our peace, or the peace of our heirs and successors, and for the quiet rule and governing of our people, and of the people of our heirs and successors, in all and singular their articles within the whole town and county aforesaid, according to the sort, form, and orders of the fore-

said statutes of keeping and causing the peace to be kept, and to cause all those to be punished according to the law of the land, which did, do, or have done any thing against the form and orders of the statutes, and to cause all those to appear before them, which have threatened any of our people, or the people of our heirs and successors, in their bodies, or in burning of their houses and corn, and to cause them to find sufficient securities of the peace of their good bearing towards us and our people, and the people of our heirs and successors, and if they shall refuse to find such security, then to commit them to our prison within the foresaid town of Knockfergus, and within the county of the town of Knockfergus aforesaid, until such time as he or they shall find such and the like security, and there to cause them to be safely kept, and that the said mayor and recorder of the same town and all other mayors, and recorders of the same town, for the time being, and every of them shall be our justice and justices, and the justice and justices of our heirs and successors, for keeping the peace within the said town of Knockfergus aforesaid, and within the franchises and suburbs of the said town, and in and throughout the whole county of the town of Knockfergus aforesaid, as well by land as sea, and fresh waters, and also that the now mayor and recorder of the aforesaid town, and all other and singular, the other mayors and recorders of the same town for the time being, may have power and authority by the oath of honest and lawful men of the foresaid town of Carrickfergus, or franchises of the same, or of the county of the town of Knockfergus aforesaid, to enquire of all manner of felonies, trespasses or transgressions, riots, routs, unlawful meetings or assemblies, evil

conspiracies, concealments, and all other misprisons whatsoever, perpetrated or done within the foresaid town, and within the franchises and suburbs of the same, and within the county of the town aforesaid; and of all forceable entries heretofore made, or to be made by strong hand into any lands or tenements within the foresaid town, or within the franchises and suburbs of the same, and within the county of the town aforesaid, or in any of them, as also of peaceable entries made or to be made into such lands within the said town franchises, and suburbs and county of the same town, and have been by force, power, and strong hand held, or hereafter to be held, or made; as also to enquire of all manner of statutes, articles, and ordinances, made, or to be made, for and concerning labourers, vagabonds, carpenters, artificers, tanners, curriers, barbers, bakers, shoemakers, tailors, tylers, ostlers, weights, measures, victuals, and for and concerning all other causes, and matters, which ought to be enquired of before any justices, or keepers of the peace, in any where else within our realm of Ireland, the same also to be enquired within the town and county of the foresaid town; and then after they shall have power and authority for the executing and doing of all things which to the office of keepers or justices of the peace in any where else within our realm of Ireland doth belong or appertain; and therefore we do, for us our heirs and successors, command the mayor and recorder of the same town of Knockfergus aforesaid for the time being, and their successors, that they diligently intend, do, and execute all and singular those things in manner aforesaid; and we further command, for us, our heirs, and successors, the sheriffs of the county of the town of Knockfergus aforesaid, and their successors, for the

time being, that they submit, obey, answer, and attend the mayor and recorder of the town of Knockfergus aforesaid, and their successors, and every of them in the execution of the premises, as it becometh, and we further will, for us, our heirs, and successors, grant unto the said mayor, sheriffs, burgesses, and commonalty of the town of Knockfergus aforesaid, and their successors, that no other our justices, or the justices of our heirs and successors, besides our justices, and the justices of our heirs and successors, going in circuit to hold assizes, or assigned, or to be assigned, to enquire, hear, and determine, by virtue of any our trespasses or the trespasses of our heirs and successors, to them directed, or to be directed, shall go within the foresaid town or the limits or precincts thereof, neither yet shall they after any sort put themselves within the same.

And further of our special grace, certain knowledge, and mere motion, we give, and by these presents for us, our heirs and successors, grant unto the said mayor, sheriffs, burgesses, and commonalty of the town of Knockfergus aforesaid, and their successors, all and singular, these franchises, privileges, liberties, here underwritten, viz.—that they, and their successors for ever, may have a merchant guild within the town of Knockfergus aforesaid, and that all the merchants of the foresaid town, which now are, or for ever shall be, that they shall be one body politic incorporate by themselves, in matter, name and deed, by the name of two masters or fellows of the guild merchants of the town of Knockfergus aforesaid, and that one of said masters shall and may be called the chief or principal of the guild of merchants, and that the other of the said masters shall be called the second master of the said guild; and

that the said masters and fellows of the foresaid guild of merchants, or as many of them as shall be living, or alive, or the greater part of them, upon Monday next after the feast of St. Michael the arch-angel next ensuing the date of these presents, and so, upon every other monday next following after the feast of St. Michael the arch angel every other year for ever, may be able to cause two of the more honest and discreet and fit merchants of the foresaid guild, to be masters of the guild of the merchants aforesaid, from one whole year to continue from the foresaid Monday next and immediately following the feast of St. Michael the arch angel aforesaid, and that may be able to create and constitute them, being so chosen masters of the guild of merchants aforesaid, from one year from thence next following, and as often as it shall happen that the foresaid two masters of the guild of merchants aforesaid, or either of them for the time being, before the end of the year after any such their election, to die from his or their offices of the masters of the guild, for any cause by resignation to be deprived or removed, then we will, and by these presents for us, our heirs and successors, grant unto the foresaid mayor, sheriffs, burgesses, and commonalty of the foresaid town, and to their successors, that the said fellows or brethren of the said guild of merchants, and their successors, or the greater part

of them, within eight days next and immediately following the death of any masters, or either of them, or after the removing or departing of any such masters, or either of them, to be able and of power to appoint and choose one other, or two others, as necessity shall require, of the same fellows or brethren of the guild of merchants, to be master or masters of the said guild of merchants for the residue of the said year, and that all and every such masters aforesaid, and their successors, from time to time may be able to make, constitute, establish, create or grant all and all manner of rules, statutes, laws, arts, and ordinances, for the common profit of the same guild, and for the better ruling and governing of the same, so often as it shall seem convenient or needful unto them, and for the executing the said statutes, rules, laws, arts, and ordinances, to impose reasonable fines and amercements upon all and every person and persons, which shall presume to contemn either the said statutes, or either of them, and to take and convert all and every such fines and amercements to their own proper use, without rendering any account to us, our heirs, or successors for the same, so as such rules, constitutions, laws, and ordinances, be not contrary or repugnant to our laws, customs and statutes of our realm of Ireland.

(To be continued.)

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF DISTINGUISHED PERSONS.

A BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF THE LIFE OF ANDREW MARVELL, MEMBER FOR KINGSTON UPON HULL, IN SEVERAL PARLIAMENTS, DRAWN UP FROM ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS.

Extracted from an account published in the London Monthly Magazine.

IT is hoped that the sound patriotism of the subject of this memoir, and his history being little